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Get into the Christmas spirit, and continue in it.

Legislature friends have returned. They are looking "comfortable" even if it was necessary for them to stay there and draw more pay than any former legislators.

We reprint in this issue an anony mous statement by some friend of Mr. Howard, ex railroad commissioner, with the purport of explaining the conduct of Mr. Howard while on this commission. The article is printed by request and gives the other side (the committee's side being presented in the Moniton last week) of the charge of graft. The article has a very legal style, it is written after the fashion of a brief, indeed it is our opinion that the article was written by a legal gentleman. The question is, who this legal friend?

Henry B. Cushman of Newport, county clerk, has been appointed by Governor Proctor judge of the municipal court at Newport, and Mr. Cushman is a good man for such an office; but from what we learn of the bill creating this court we should say the word "municipal" was not rightly used. It is not only a municipal court, it is more; it is not a circuit court, it is not a district court, neither is it a county court or a justice court, nor a supreme court, it is a court entirely new to Vermont, it is a "hybrid" court, that's what it is. It not only has the power to sit in cases from the incorporation of Newport but from the entire town, and the towns of Derby and Coventry, and power to sit in criminal cases from the entire county. It means that for the trial of a criminal case from Greensboro or Craftsbury, or any other town in the county, all parties concerned may be called upon to hie themselves to Newport to this hybrid court.

WHAT THE PAPERS SAY.

The government is to pay \$13,500 for land on which to erect a postoffice building in Barre. This is an exceedingly good bargan as compared with the price of \$15,000 paid by the government a few years since for a lot of about the same size in the quiet town of Newport, with hardly more than one-third the population of Barre. -Northfield News.

Lieut.-Gov. Prouty and Speaker Cheney are to be congratulated on the handsome manner in which their services as presiding officers in their respective branches of the legislature were recognized by substantial presents yesterday. It is safe to say that these mementoes will long be cherished as enduring tokens of esteem .- Burlington Free Press.

The appointment of John W. Redmond as chairman of the new board of railroad commissioners is a case wherein the state is to be congratu. lated on securing a man of stern judgment and excellent legal ability. There'll be something doing now with that board, and the state's interests will be looked after as they should, but "Gov." Porter and S. H. Jackson, the two other members, are also strong men and the trio will make up a board of commissioners that the state can rely upon to do their duty without fear or favor .- Morrisville News and

Among the men who have served the state faithfully and well during the recent session of the legislature Lieut.-Gov. George H. Prouty and Speaker Thomas C. Cheney must be given conspicuous place. As presiding officers of the senate and house of representatives, respectively, they have not only expedited the public business with singleness of purpose and patriotic industry and zeal, but they have borne a stronger part in shaping legislation in the first place than is ever likely to appear in the official records. Both these broadminded men have devoted themselves have discharged the task well.-St. Albans Messenger.

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CHARGES ANALYZED. HOWARD

(Reprinted from the Montpelier Argus of December 13, by request of friends of Mr. Howard.)

The "overcoat" question dilated upon in the report of the special committee to investigate the state boards is still among the principal topics of discussion about the statehouse, and the unusual advice of the committee for civil proceedings is a subject of much debate. It has compelled the members to sit up and look around, and all sorts of opinions and ideas are heard in the lobbies and coat rooms at the capitol.

An analysis of the report shows in that Smith charged for 554 days, \$9.45; state convention, \$9.45. Total

Bingham 497% and Howard 414. Smith and Bingham had office work noted. Howard had none. Smith worked on an average of 20 days a month for the biennial period, Bingham 18 days and Howard 15 days.

Now in respect to the alleged "graft" in the Howard items. Howard was charged with 56 days going to hearings, \$336. Use of own team

As to the item of \$336, the committee holds that Howard could have made the same connections by starting the next morning and that "upon such occasion this charge for a day's work and hotel and other expenses until the next morning were unnecessary and unlawful." The committee said a stage left Craftsbury at 5:30 or Howard could take his own own team and start at 7 o'clock and make connections. The principal criticism they had against him is that he started the day before and charged

The federal authorities recognize the question of going to and returning from official duties thus:

By Sec. 8 of acts approved May 28th, 1896, (29 Stat. L., 179) it was enacted that district attorneys and their assistants shall receive actual and necessary traveling expenses while absent from their respective official residences and necessarily employed in going to, returning from and attending before, etc.

The next complaint against Howard is his charge for \$136 for his own team, and that he took vouchers from members of his family and others. The ruling in Vermont is that bills must be supported by vouchers, even if given by the party directly interested. Referring again to government practice, page 157 of the instructions to United States marshals, attorneys clerks, and commissioners issued April 1, 1904, by paragraph 479, it is provided that where a deputy uses his own horse for team, the amount charged must be reasonable and not to exceed those usually charged in the district.

Page 93, instructions to the United States marshal, etc.; by paragraph 407 it is provided that receipts shall not be required for the deputy's own horse or team.

The precedents in Vermont in the matter of Darling, trustee of the state hospital, and Gates, highway commissioner, vouchers were given and signed by themselves for the use of their own team, as were required of them.

It is interesting to note what the authorities say on the question of "daye"

The word "day" when used in a contract or statute unless it is restricted means the whole 24 hours. Miner v. Goodyear, 62 Conn. 410.

The term "day" as used in a contract providing for a payment of so much a day, means a working day.

McClosky v. Klasterman, 10 L. R. A.

which elapses while the earth makes J. S. Hollister Jackson of Barre for a a complete revolution on its axis, but artficially it is the time between the rising and setting of the sun.

And in an act, providing that the commissioners of insanity shall be allowed at the rate of \$3 per day each, for the time actually employed in the duties of their office, the term is not to be so construed, and the statute entitles the commissioners to full compensation whenever they perform services on a given day, regardless of the number of hours spent in such employment.

White v. Dallas Co., 87 Jowa 53. The law does not recognize fractions of days and when it provides a per diem compensation for the time spector of finances. necessarily devoted to the duties of an office, the officer is entitled to his daily compensation for each day on which it becomes necessary for him to perform any substantial, official service, if he does perform the same, regardless of the time ccupied in its

performance.

10 Col., page 17. Where the compensation of the porters of the senate is fixed by law and their acknowledged abilities to at four dollars per day, the word the conscientions performance of the "day" covers whatever period of trust that was reposed in them and twenty-four hours the senate chooses to remain in session. They are not paid by the amount of work which they do, but by the day, and we think it is too clear for discussion that the word "day" as used in the statute covers whatever period of the twenty-four hours the legislators choose to remain in session.

77 Col., page 474-475.

V. S. 5366, paragraph 9. This section provides that sheriffs and deputies shall be allowed two dollars per day for each day's attendance upon court.

The length of time the court is in session on any given day is not material in determining the allowance. Sec. 5387 V. S.

Tais section provides that justices s all be allowed two dollars per day for each day's time occupied in the trial of criminal causes. The number of hours occupied in the trial is not material in determining the amount

to be paid. The next items complained of are: respect to the railroad commission | Springfield trip, \$41.36; Hanover trip,

\$70 20. The committee does not say how much the expense of the member of his family was at Burlington, neither do they say how much the telephone account is and what part was not state business.

The Howard testimony has not yet been placed on file, so that the reasons given by him for the Springfield and Hanover trip are not clear, although the report is that he had to stay somewhere the nights in question as he could not get home and that, his transportation not costing anything, he went to these points, but did not charge any more than the extra day allowed to get home.

The charge for the extra day going to and returning is nothing new in this state, and if the findings of the committee in this respect mu t be taken as law on the subject, then all state boards and commissions will have to govern themselves accordingly, for there is no doubt it has been the unquestioned practice in many if not all cases. The question of charging for one's own team is simply one of ethics. The question then resolves itself as to the propriety of the charges in the total \$70.20 for Springfield, Hanever and state convention bills.

Howard has been made the scapegoat in the whole matter, and probably will have few defenders, still if the authorities substantiate his claims he can get as much justice out of the case by inviting the state to bring proceedings against him, and let the matter of the legality of the enarges be determined in the courts, although it is very doubtful if the afterneygeneral would care to bring action unless he saw his way clear to win the suit in behalf of the state, for the vindication of the resigned commissioner is a matter of no concern to that office.

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Legislature Adjourns.

After the longest session of the legislature and in many ways the most successful and truitful the Vermont legislature adjourned Toursday morning without date.

One of the last important bills considered was the automobile bill which after several amendments was passed. The appointments made by Governor Proctor and confirmed by the senate are as follows:

Railroad commissioners-John W Redmond of Newport, chairman, for a term of six years; Eii H. Porter of Ordinarily day is the space of time | Wilmington for a term of four years; term of two years.

Board of penal institutions-John E. Weeks of Middlebury for a term of six years, Roger W. Hulburd of Hyde Park for a term of four years; Newman K. Chaffee of Rutland for a term of two years.

State board of agriculture-George Aitkin of Woodstock, Dana H. Morse of Randolph, Frank L. Russell of Shrewsbury. Gov. Proctor, after careful con-

sideration of the merits and claims of all the candidates, has re-appointed Judson E. Cushman of Burlington commissioner of state taxes, and Luther A. Cobb of Brighton as in-

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STATE NEWS.

Judge E. B. Flinn of Springfield. Governor Proctor has appointed E B. Finn, of Springfield, a member of the court of claims to succeed F. C. Williams, of Newport, resigned.

Probably Oldest Woman in Vermont. The oldest woman in Vermont probably resides in Burlington and will next month celebrate the 103rd anniversary of her birth. Her name is Mrs. Tobe Rosenberg. She has passed the year at the home of her granddaughter, Mrs. A. H. London, and, with the exception of being blind, is in good health. She can tell all her friends and relatives, however, by their voice and has good conversational powers.

May Have Hospital in Barre.

At the recent annual meeting of the Barre City Hospital Association offi cers were elected for the ensuing year, and plans discussed for the opening of public city hospital. To further the project and see if a beginning could not be made this coming spring, a committee of five was appointed to prepare a statement of the needs for opening a hospital in a small way to begin with, and the expenses of conducting the same for a

Appointments by Governor.

In accordance with the provisions of senate bill 146 Governor Proctor has appointed as a committee to formulate a uniform system of records and forms for judges of probate and county clerks, H. A. Harmon of Rutland C. J. Russell of Barlington, H. T. Cushman of Bennington, M. A. Bingham, of Burlington, F. E Alfred of Newport and A. F. Schwenk o Brattleboro. The first three named ar county clerks and last three judges of probate court. Governor Proctor also appointed Henry B. Cashman to be judge of municipal court at New-

Cries of agony from a field in Westminster attracted the attention of several residents of that town Monday afternoon and an investigation showed that a young buck had become the pray of a large wildcat. On hearing the cries, supposed to have been made by the buck, George Boutelle, Walter Hitchcock and Lewis Hitchcock went to the scene and the sight they found told of a hard struggle. The carcass of the buck, bleeding from several deep wounds, lay on the ground, while the snow for some distance around was red with blood. When the three persons draw near the wildcat made off into the woods. The buck weighed about 100 pounds. It was turned over to the game war-

Trustees School Fund.

The governor Tuesday appointed J. A. DeBoer of Montpelier, Z. M. Man sur of Newport and J. L. Southwick of Burlington members of the board of trustees of the permanent school fund provided by house bill No. 299. The full board consists of the governor, lieutenant-governor, state superintendent of education and state treasurer, ex-officio, in addition to the three mentioned above. The trustees met in executive chamber and organized by electing Gov. F. D. Proctor chairman; J. A. DeBoer, secretary; J. A. DeBoer, G. H. Prouty and Z. M. Mansur a ecmmittee on finance, the law providing that the secretary shall be one of the members of the committee on finance. The permanent school fund consists at present of \$1,120,218.20, this sum being the aggregate of the Huntington fund, \$211,131 46; the United States deposit fund, \$669.086 74, and the Vermont war claim fund, \$240,000, the aim of the commission being to devise means to increase it to at least \$2,000,000.

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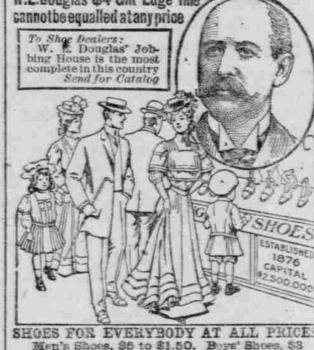
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